Supply of aluminium to IPICOL by NALCO

1625. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether IPICOL, which has been granted a latter of intent for setting up a Piston Pin Project in No industry District Orissa, has requested the Central government to supply 100 Per cent Aluminium metal in the form of ingotes from NALCO, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what decision has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : (a) No request has been received by the Ministry for supply of aluminium to the piston project of IPICOL.

(b) Does not arise.

Loans and Subsidy For Pumpsets

1626. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be Pleased to refer, to reply to Unstarred Question 563 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th July, 1986 and state the quantum of loans and subsidy given for the Purchase of Pumpsets Gujarat ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : Subsidies under some Centrally sponsored schemes are given to the State Governments but details of loans and subsidies to individual farmers are not maintained at the Centre.

Central assistance for the Construction of field Channels

1627. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be Pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 50 per cent Central assistance is Provided to the state Governments for the construction of field channels below 40 hectare outlets;

(b) whether government are aware that thousands of hectares of government land along the irrigation canals is lying unutilised/ underutilised;

(c) whether government Propose to give 50 Per cent subsidy to the state governments if they propose to take up useful scheme like horticulture, fodder development, pisciculture on the aforesaid land;

(d) whether the government of Madhya Pradesh submitted any such Proposals to the Union government; and

(e) if so, what is government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The land along the canal is essentially meant for maintenance of the canal.

(c) There is no such Proposal.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) In view of (c) above, the question does not arise.

Modernisation of Mining Methods in Iron Ore Mines

1628. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have drawn up any programme for the